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We Are The Champions: Members of Mattapoisett Recreation Committee's Girls Seventh and Eighth Grade Basketball team recently took the 2000 Championship Title. Members of the winning organization include (back row, l. to r.): Coach Mike Crowe, Pam Siscoe, Jessica Bates, Mykel Crowe, Cayla Clancy, Erika Clancy, and Coach Phil Bouley; (front row, l. to r.): Jessica Davison, Mary Elizabeth Towers, Nicole Franklin, and Jaleise Bouley. (Photo courtesy of John Haley).

We Are The Champions, Too: The Mariner U-14 Girls Indoor Soccer Team recently won their division Championship last week at the Bridgewater Sports Complex. Trailing by two goals with six minutes to play, the Mariner Girls scored three times to win, 4-3. Members of the winning team pictured here (from l. to r.) are (front row): Tracey Garlington, Amy Ferreira, Jamie Tapper, Allison Grondski; (back row): Assistant Coach Ozzie Ferreira, Head Coach Andy Bobola, Autumn Levesque, Jessica Desroches, Melissa Vanasse, Katie Bobola, Mychel Crowe, Ashley Collins, and Assistant Coach Mike Crowe. Not pictured: Kristen DeBalsi, Kristen Young, and Kelly Raposo. (Photo courtesy of Andy Bobola).



On the cover: Mattapoisett residents Jeff and Karen Swift and Michael and Sandy King take time out from a busy day of skiing to pose with a copy of *The Wanderer* atop Pleasant Mountain (a/k/a Shawnee Peak Ski Area) overlooking Mount Washington during the recent February school vacation week. The two couples traveled with Caitlin and Jarod Swift, Kristen Searles, and Andrew and Matt King — all of whom were unavailable for the photo due to a much-needed hot chocolate break. Remember to send us your unique and picturesque photos posing proudly with *The Wanderer* and we may publish them in future issues and you will receive a genuine *Wanderer* coffee mug for your troubles, sure to become a collectors item!

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The North Fairhaven Improvement Association (NFIA) recently announced that State Representative William Straus of Mattapoisett has been selected to receive their "Outstanding Public Servant Award" for the year 2000. This year is unique in that the award has been traditionally presented only to Fairhaven residents. But Representative Straus' continued commitment and dedication to all communities and residents in the area has merited the honor.

Representative Straus will be the guest of honor and will be recognized for his efforts and accomplishments at the annual NFIA banquet to be held at the Harborfront Inn and Conference Center (formerly The Seaport Inn), 110 Middle Street in Fairhaven. The celebration will take place this coming Saturday, March 3 with cocktail hour starting at 6:00 pm and a full banquet dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and will not be available at the door. However, they can still be ordered by calling (508) 996-3229 and leaving a voice message before the final count is taken on Friday.

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Those Gulf Veterans who have not been seen in the VA system in the last six months or more, and feel that they have symptoms related to having served during the Gulf War are also welcome to participate in the registry event. Of the 697,000 U.S. Troops who served in the Middle East during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, approximately 120,000 have

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registered with the VA or DOD. Most of these veterans have commonplace symptoms and receive conventional diagnoses and treatments. More than 15,000 or about 20 percent have undiagnosed symptoms, including fatigue, muscle and joint pains, headaches, memory loss, skin rash, diarrhea, and sleep disturbances.

In addition to the registry medical examination, other services will be available during the March 10 event, such as benefit counseling, PTSD screening, VA Regional Office claim services, and education information. Veterans are encouraged to call (617) 323-7700, extension 6126 if they have questions and to pre-register and confirm their attendance for this event. If they have never been seen in the VA they should bring a copy of their DD 2-14 with them.

Gulf War Veterans are encouraged to receive a FREE specialized medical examination at VA facilities. Disability compensation for illnesses or injuries related to military service may be available to eligible Gulf War Veterans. For further information, you may also contact the Mattapoisett Veterans Office at 758-4114.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 26, 2001

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 26 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also in attendance were Selectman Ray Andrews and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Barry Denham was not in attendance for the meeting.

At 7:00 pm, Fire Chief Ronald Scott came before the board to commend the children of Andrew and Margaret Reilly of 11 Beech Wood Road. On January 11, 2001, the Mattapoisett Fire Department was dispatched to the home for smoke in the residence. Upon the first fire

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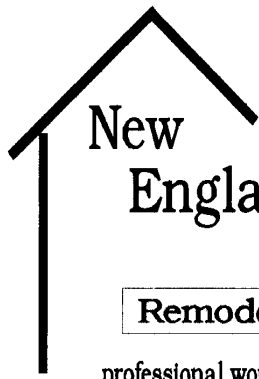
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engine's arrival, the children's grandfather was at the foot of the driveway, as directed by his four grandchildren: Abby, Andrew, Jillian, and Maggie, who advised him that he should help the firefighters find the house. The fire, caused by a toaster oven with a stuck on/off switch, was quickly tended to.

The children, as well as their thankful family members, credit the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program for teaching them how to precisely handle such an emergency. Each child was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Selectman. The Reilly children will also participate in a "Salute to Young Heroes" which will be held at the State House on April 26.

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"They did everything perfectly," said Chief Scott.

"It is great to know that the system is working,"
added Chairman Lambalot.

The second item on the agenda was with resident and former School Superintendent Joan Walsh who came before the board in order to discuss the implementation of a Scholarship Fund Committee. At a Town Meeting a few years ago, residents voted to establish a scholarship fund for area students. Now, since there are some available funds, the board hopes that there will be interested residents who would like to become members on the committee. Ms. Walsh will offer assistance in the formation of the committee.

Next on the agenda, Carol M. Wester and Pamela J. Ferro of Hopewell Associates, Inc., presented the board with an idea for a fund-raising road race. The three-mile village road race would benefit the Hopewell Autism Initiative to help provide a summer camp for children with autism. The summer camp, with a possible location in Acushnet, will provide a fun and safe place for these children to play and learn. The camp would serve children between the ages of 6 and 12, and would feature a swimming pool, playground, as well as qualified therapists and children without disabilities to act as friends and role models. The money raised from the road race would pay for the costs of rent, food, and the salaries of the therapists working within the camp.

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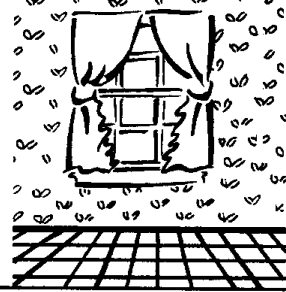
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The board next approved a Hawkers & Peddlers License for Joseph N. Dargon.

Scheduled meetings throughout the week included:

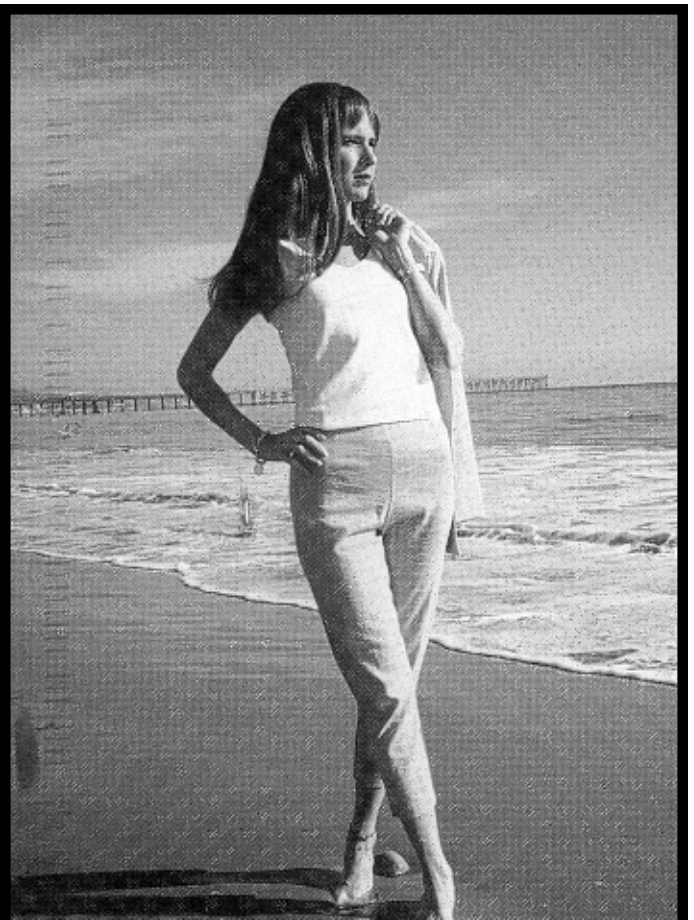
- Wednesday, February 28 at 5:00 pm - Elementary School Building Committee will meet in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm - Special Town



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Meeting at the Old Rochester Regional High School
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- Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm - Meeting with Finance Committee (FinCom) regarding budgets, meeting in the Selectmen's office.

- Wednesday, March 7 at 5:00 pm - Elementary School Building Committee meets in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Incoming Correspondence for the week included the following items:

- Correspondence relating to the Reilly children.
- Mr. Dana Coggins submitted a letter of concern regarding the proposed cell tower by-law, and feels that the proposed amendment is seriously flawed.

- The Division of Marine Fisheries forwarded the following shellfishing classification status: Closed to shellfishing - Mattapoisett Boat Yard, Hiller Cove Brook, North end of Mattapoisett River, Eel Pond, Town Docks, Cove Creek, Indian Avenue, Northwest end of Aucoot Cove; Open to shellfishing - Pine Island Pond.

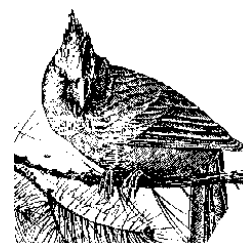
- Letters of commendation were received from Tony & Theresa Pereira and Wayne Caswell and Lori Bessette. Mr. & Mrs. Pereira extended their appreciation to Kathy Masse and Charlie Ouellette, who were extremely kind to them in a difficult time. Wayne Caswell and Lori Bessette also expressed their gratitude to Building Inspector Andrew Bobola and Maria Cananzey of the Building Department for acting professionally in addressing unfortunate problems encountered during construction of their home.

- Water / Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson, notified the board that a meeting will be held on March 9 at 12:00 noon in the Dartmouth Town Hall for the purpose of discussing the following items: Interest free revolving funds for Sewer and Title V issues;

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After a brief recess, the board, along with Police Chief Mary Lyons, promoted Paul Silveira to the position of Detective Sergeant in charge of the Detective Division of the Mattapoisett Police Department. The enthusiastic audience of well-wishers, friends, co-workers, and family were on hand to witness the subsequent swearing-in ceremony performed by Town Clerk Lois Ennis. Detective Sergeant Silveira's position is effective immediately, with a term to expire April 30, 2002.

The board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening immediately following the ceremony.

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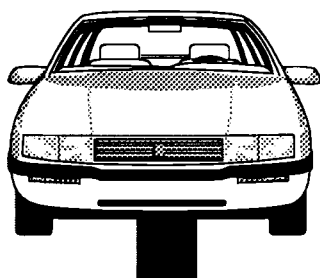
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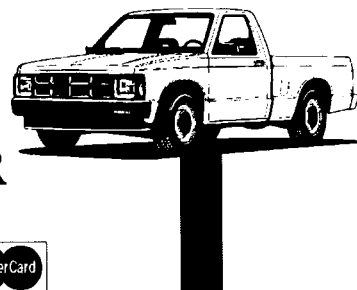


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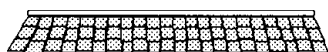
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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 27, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

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After signing the treasury and payroll warrants for the week, the board unanimously approved the transfer of a liquor license from the former Jimmy's Variety to CMJ Enterprises. The board also cited receipt of a memo from Police Chief Lincoln Miller that the department has been awarded a \$3,612 grant from the state for training purposes.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

- Notification from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) advising the town that the former Marion Landfill site has been determined to contain traces of lead contamination. According to Ms. Enroth-Whitlock, she received certified notification on Monday as a result of tests conducted at the site by Sprint when they first began leasing space on the telecommunications tower adjacent to the site. The town has been asked to provide the DEP to submit a proposal by April 10, 2001 for removing the lead concentrates from the site within a year.

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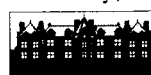
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(1835) **E. Wareham**, New construction 40x24 Ranch featuring 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, cathedral ceilings, full basement, quiet area, minutes to beaches. \$144,900. Debbie McKeever 291-2112



(3953) **Mattapoisett Village**, Antique with large yard & 2 car garage. Legal 2 family or in-law. Could easily be converted to single family. \$435,000. Jocelyn daLuz 758-9322



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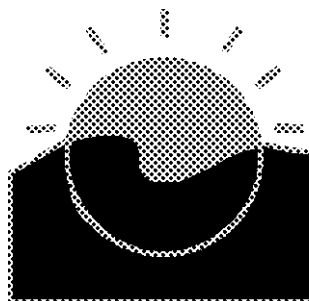
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testing," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. "Sprint evidently didn't notify us, either. There are some questions about this ... we're going to do some background work on it and request an extension."

• Memos from both the Police Department and Emergency Medical Services regarding the state's recent recommendation to institute a mandatory seat belt policy for town employees. Police Chief Lincoln Miller informed the board that he is in the process of updating his policies and procedures for the department. "Since our policies are quite extensive and unique to the department, I would suggest any town-wide policy not include this department," he wrote.

EMS Acting Director W. Dale Jones advised that his department also uses seat belts when possible. "The driver and front seat passenger use seat belts," he wrote. "It is not usually possible to provide patient care in the back of the ambulance and be belted-in. It is our position that the exclusion for the mandatory use of seat belts as stated in Paragraph (e) of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 13A, be followed by the Town of Marion."

The DPW also submitted a memo expressing their agreement with the mandatory seat belt requirement; and



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the board is still expecting to hear from both the Harbormaster's department and Fire Department on this matter.

- Notification from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) of a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:10 pm in the Marion Town House Conference Room upon a Notice of Intent submitted by the Town of Marion to construct a 7' x 8' cantilevered platform with a 4' x 21' aluminum ramp at the Old Landing south wharf.

- Letter from Warren O. Fitting of AT&T Broadband advising that the company will be making further changes in their rate-filing process and, as such, the new pricing structure will not be implemented until July 1, 2001.

- Notice from the Massachusetts Department of Education that as of February 26 the preliminary Fiscal Year 2002 Chapter 70 estimates are posted on the School

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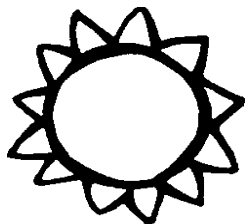
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- Notification from the Massachusetts

Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) that a Public Hearing will take place on March 6 at 10:00 am at the DTE offices, One South Station in Boston. Following the public hearing, the DTE will conduct a procedural conference.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock first noted receipt of three warrant articles from Brad A. Gordon, Clerk of the Marion Planning Board, for placement on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant. These articles would amend the current Zoning By-Laws. The first article requests an extension of the Rate of Development By-Law to January 2, 2007; the second article would delete the existing Flexible Development By-Law and insert a new Conservation Subdivision By-Law; and the third would request rezoning a parcel of land on Route 6 from Residential to General Business.

Ms. Enroth-Whitlock also received an article by petition to amend the Town By-Laws to add a new section titled "Prohibition of Smoking in Work Places Within the Town of Marion," which was signed by 16 residents.

The board unanimously voted to accept the

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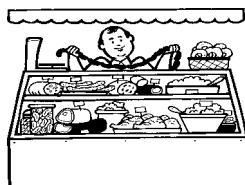
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submitted articles for consideration and placement on the
Annual Town Meeting warrant. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said
she had to consult the town's by-laws as to whether a
public hearing was required for such amendments, and if
so she would make the necessary arrangements.

The deadline for submission of articles for the
Town Meeting warrant is fast-approaching on March 1,
and Ms. Enroth-Whitlock will begin the process of
preparing a draft warrant for the board's review. "I'll be
meeting with the Finance Committee and Town
Accountant to go over the articles and budget items," she
said.

In other matters, Selectman Schaefer advised that
she was contacted by residents who are interested in
sponsoring a fund-raising 5K Road Race in Marion on
Thanksgiving Day. Selectman Dickerson, who helped start
the 5K Road Race held in the Marion Village at the end of
October, suggested she contact the Chief of Police and
coordinate all the details with him.

There being no further matters to discuss in Open
Session, the board voted to go into Executive Session at
7:20 pm to discuss a pending collective bargaining
contract issue. They would thereafter adjourn for the
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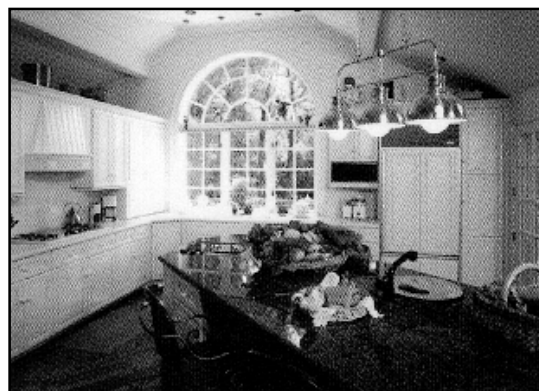
February 26, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 26 at 6:55 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the February 12 meeting, Mr. Huntoon gave his Town Administrator's report for the week, first noting that a public hearing with representatives from AT&T Broadband and the Cable Advisory Committee would be

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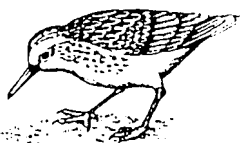
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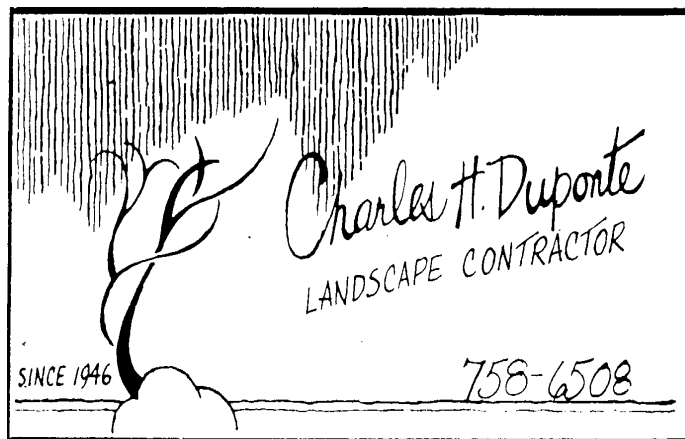
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held on April 6 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Huntoon also noted that the Planning Board is interviewing a part-time candidate for the position of Town Planner to work 20 hours per week.

After signing and approving payment of an invoice to Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Desahies in the amount of \$3,030, and a loan resolution for the remaining \$400,000 for the Police/ Communications Building, the board met with Police Chief William Przybylek at 7:05 pm.

The first order of business with the Police Chief was held in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Returning to Open Session, the board unanimously appointed John F. Barnes of Springvale, Maine as a Patrol Officer, effective March 12, 2001. Mr. Barnes is a Rochester native who will be returning home after serving with the Town of Sanford, Maine Police Department for the past nine years. According to Rochester Police Chief William Przybylek, Mr. Barnes still has family living in the area and wished to return to be closer to them. The chief indicated that he expected Mr. Barnes' return to be accomplished smoothly over the next few weeks and hoped to have the new officer fully oriented into the department and working independently by April.

Aside from some temporary service as a Detective, Mr. Barnes served as a Patrol Officer during most of his time with the Sanford Police Department.





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In thanking the Board of Selectmen for their support in appointing Mr. Barnes, Chief Przybylek said that the department was pleased to have located an applicant with Mr. Barnes' qualifications. He added that Mr. Barnes will be a valuable addition to the department's staff because of his significant experience and training.

Chief Przybylek then met jointly with the Finance Committee (FinCom) and Selectmen to discuss his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2002. FinCom Chairman Michael Costa had some questions and concerns about several significant increases over the current year's budget, especially in the area of salaries/wages to hire two additional officers, benefits to those officers, and expenses for the purchase of two replacement cruisers annually as opposed to the town's previous rate of one or less each year.

Mr. Costa noted that the department's current budget for salaries/wages is \$360,000 and the chief is requesting \$455,000 for FY2002; benefits set at \$45,000 this year would hike to \$85,000 next year; and overall expenses would jump from \$68,000 to \$103,000 in FY2002. With several other departments already poised to make similar significant budget hikes — including an anticipated 10 percent increase in the Memorial School

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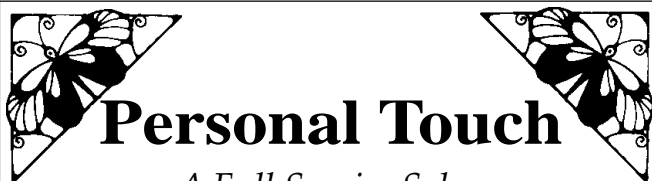
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budget — he is concerned about meeting everyone's expectations and balancing those with anticipated revenue.

"I think the chief has done a good job with bringing his needs forward," Chairman Parker said. "But I'm sure he realizes there are cost constraints. We need input from both the FinCom and Police Chief in order to determine our immediate needs."

"Using the experience I've had over a number of years, my main goal was to develop a reasonable five-year plan to minimize the yearly budget impact," Chief Przybylek said. "Aside from personnel, police vehicles are our most important resource. My main thrust was to move to the replacement of two vehicles per year as opposed to one to minimize the mileage and wear and tear on the cruisers."

Chief Przybylek also noted that the department has been relying heavily upon overtime hours to cover shifts, which becomes a safety issue in putting patrol officers on duty who are sometimes fatigued — an issue which could impact their performance. "At times we've had one lone officer patrolling the Town of Rochester," Chief Przybylek said. "I think for safety standards and best delivery of services, we need to have a minimum of two officers on duty at all times. It's really unconscionable to have a lone officer on in any community, regardless of size."

To that end, Chief Przybylek's budget proposal would staff a thirteen-member department — twelve

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officers plus himself — adding two additional positions to the current ten. This would bring Rochester in line with other neighboring communities like Marion, which supports a fourteen-member Police Department with a minimum of two officers on duty at all times.

"I realize some of these increases may seem significant, but it's my role to make sure we're able to run a dependable and efficient police department," Chief Przybylek said. "I'm comfortable with submitting (this budget proposal) to you, especially when compared to our neighboring communities."

Although the board wasn't prepared to immediately render a decision on the Police Department budget, they had some reservations about a significant

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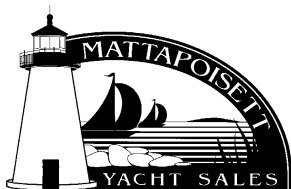
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budget increase within the current budget cycle. "My feeling would be there had to be some phasing-in," Selectman Ryan said. "I don't think the town could afford all three new positions immediately. There are ways of staggering it so we're not being hit with \$120,000 in one year."

When asked by FinCom member Michael Bare if the board is "changing its philosophy" with regard to Police Department staffing, Selectman Ryan noted this really wasn't a new concept. "Back when we first approved the COPS grant (to fund additional officers), we were looking at a minimum of nine officers on duty," she said. "So it's not a totally new idea ... for two years we've been down one person, and for the past year we've been down two people. We had the money in the budget, but we didn't have the bodies."

"This is not going to happen in a quantum leap," agreed Chairman Parker. "But I think we all realize that we need to have two (officers) on at all times."

Selectman Cutler asked the chief to prepare a more detailed analysis of the department's staffing needs with scenarios for a ten- and twelve-member roster. The board and FinCom agreed they'd be meeting by the end of March to make their final recommendations on the FY2002 budget requests.

Chief Przybylek also suggested that the department needs some type of clerical support to assist with filing paperwork and updating the Police Department's policies and procedures. "I've never known a Police Department with an absence of a clerical support staff," Chief Przybylek said. "I'm hoping we can get a part-time, 20-hour-per-week secretary position which would greatly assist us ... and eventually develop into a full-time position."

At 8:00 pm the board met with members of the

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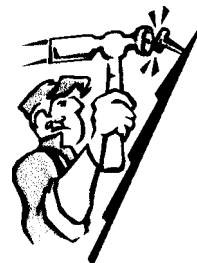
"Rochester Youth Baseball has always run the concession stand at Gifford's Park," Mr. Laboa said. "This would separate the two organizations so they could each run their own fund-raisers in their own area. Town Counsel has reviewed the proposed license agreement and made a couple of changes."

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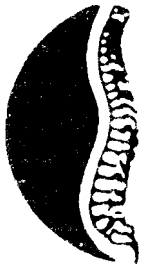
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Mr. Laboa noted that the Park Commission voted to sign and approve the agreement at their last meeting and they were coming before the Board of Selectmen strictly as a courtesy to inform them. Although the board had no objections, Selectman Ryan did express some concern over the liability issues at the ballfield. But David Sylvia of RYB assured the board that they carry their own liability insurance for any events they sponsor.

In other matters, the board:

- Unanimously voted to reserve space on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant for an article which would establish a fund to assess a percentage of tax money for a Land Preservation Fund, similar to the one proposed by the state, but one that would be controlled wholly by the town. "We have no reason to participate in the (state's) Land Preservation Act," Selectman Cutler said. "This would basically cost Rochester residents the same without having to go through all the nonsense with the state. I'd like to at least reserve space on the warrant for this article."

- Agreed to leave the "No Parking" signs along Mary's Pond Road in the vicinity of Mary's Pond in place for at least another year, despite Police Chief Przybylek's suggestion that they be removed. "I'd prefer leaving them (in place) for one more year," Selectman Ryan said. "I just think it's too soon to remove the signs."

- Unanimously granted permission to Rochester Youth Baseball to hold their annual parade on April 14, 2001 beginning at 9:00 am from Gifford Memorial Park, and requesting assistance from the Rochester Police Department in controlling traffic during the event.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:50 pm.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As one of the few surviving members of the committee which put together the first zoning law to be accepted by a wary Mattapoisett population in the late 60s, I must apologize. For what? For helping the control activists get their collective "foot in the door."

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and I, a boat builder, worked long and earnestly on the simple, general districts, lot sizes, setbacks, and other basic regulations that we hoped might keep the town a pleasant, relatively frictionless place for all inhabitants. In practice, it seems even that much regulation was the unconstitutional taking of people's property without compensation. But no sooner were they in place than more "good," "important," or "necessary" regulations were piled on, continuing year after year.

These include a building code suitable for the heart of a mega city of row houses and skyscrapers, and protection for any marginally-experienced, gouging tradesman who gets a license then puts incompetent workers on the job with little or no supervision. We all know of too many cases where a zoning inspection is too late to prevent home owners from getting gouged for bad work. Which is to say zoning is a great burden

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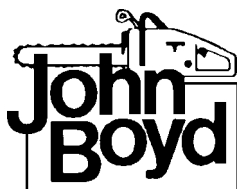
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to us all but of doubtful help in enjoying life in Mattapoisett.

Wherefore, at the upcoming (Special Town Meeting) it would be nice if those participating would be careful to hold the harassment of the home owner with more useless regulations.

Sincerely,
Allan H. Vaitses
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

The Project GROW Parents Group ran its annual Project GROW fund-raiser on Tuesday, February 13, 2001. The money raised will be available for scholarships to children who are alumni of the Project GROW Program offered in the tri-town area. The Project GROW Parents Group would like to thank all those responsible for making this recent fund-raiser a huge success. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the individuals and businesses that made generous donations for the Valentine's Basket Raffle. We particularly want to thank the committee for coordinating the event, arranging the baskets and delivering them to the winners. Finally, to all of the parents and students who sold tickets, your efforts allowed the group to raise a little over \$2,000.

Sincerely,
Project GROW Parents Group



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*Dr. Gould can be reached at the
Mattapoisett Animal Hospital (508) 758-6400*

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Mattapoisett Baseball Signups

Signups for AAA Baseball (Grades 3-5), Little League (ages 9-12) and Babe Ruth (ages 13-15) will be held on March 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. For more information, please contact Mattapoisett Recreation Director John

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Lenten Parish Retreat

St. Anthony's Catholic Church and St. Rita's Catholic Church will jointly hold a Lenten Parish Retreat the first full week of Lent — March 5, 6, 7 and 8. The retreat will be conducted by Father Richard McNally, SS.CC.

Retreat sessions will be held at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 113 Front Street in Marion at 8:30 am on each of the four mornings. Each evening at 7:00 pm, the sessions will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 22 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. The retreat will focus on strengthening and renewing our membership in the Body of Christ. The sessions will include a Mass and Mission sermon with the exception of Wednesday evening when the session will include the Mission Sermon and Reconciliation. St. Rita's Choir and St. Anthony's Choir will provide the music. The themes of the sessions are:

- Monday, March 5: "We are the Body of Christ";
- Tuesday, March 6: "The Eucharist is the Body of Christ";
- Wednesday, March 7: "The Christian: Temple of the Holy Spirit"; and
- Thursday, March 8: "We are the Body of Christ with a Mission."

Father Richard McNally is the Director of the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from the Washington Theological Union and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Since his ordination to priesthood in 1975, he has worked in parish and retreat ministry. Father McNally is a native of Fall River, MA.

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Town of Marion Census

The Town of Marion's annual town census is nearly complete. All persons who have not responded are urged to do so immediately by phoning 748-3526 (voice mail available) or 748-3502. Phone calls are being made to homes that did not respond by mail and a census taker will visit homes of those unable to be contacted by phone. Residents' cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ORR College Awards

The ORR Alumni Association would like the seniors at Old Rochester Regional High School and ORR graduates in college to be aware of two awards that are available to students looking to further their education.

The ORR Alumni Association Award is offered to assist ORR students. The \$500 awards will be given to a total of four graduating and post-graduate students of ORR High School. The Mattapoisett Road Race Award, now under the guidance of the ORR Alumni Association, is available to ORR High School students who participate in running, whether personally or in structured events. Last year, the group was able to present seven awards of \$1,000 apiece to graduating seniors who are continuing their education.

Interested students can pick up applications for these awards at the ORR Guidance Department. The deadline for returning completed application forms to the Guidance Department is Thursday, April 12.

If any alumni of ORR would like to assist the Alumni Association in helping students continue on to college by sending a donation toward the scholarship fund, they should send donations to: ORR Alumni Association, Attn: Steve Heath, c/o Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. A receipt for your donation will promptly be mailed back to you, with the association's great

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League of Women Voters

Lasagna Supper

The League of Women Voters of Marion-Mattapoissett-Rochester invites area residents to attend their Annual Lasagna Supper to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 5:30 pm in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (corner of Front Street and South Street in Marion). League member and attorney Mardee Xifaras, who directed a successful presidential campaign for Vice President Al Gore in Pennsylvania, will give the group a behind-the-scenes view of directing the Presidential campaign for the keystone state. Mardee is a member of both the Massachusetts State and National Democratic Committees, and has served as Special Assistant to Governor Michael Dukakis and as Regional Administrator for Representative Gerry Studds.

The charge is \$7 per person and the menu will include wine, cider and cheese and crackers, vegetarian/meat lasagna, salad, bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Reservations are requested and should RSVP by noon on Monday, March 5 at 748-2276.

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The charge will be \$6 per person and menu will include lite breakfast with coffee/tea. Reservations are requested by noon on Tuesday, March 13 by calling 748-2276.

Pirates Coming to Mattapoissett

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will present *The Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan at 8:00 pm on March 29, 30 and 31 with a matinee performance at 2:00 pm on April 1 at the high school on Route 6 in Mattapoissett. This hilarious show has been delighting audiences since 1880 and will delight your family, too, with its fun-loving characters and tuneful melodies. Making his debut appearance is Anders Harrison as the Pirate King. His lieutenant, Samuel, is played by Gary Vaughn. Brendon Auld appears as Frederic, the Apprentice Pirate, with Hilary Visinho as Ruth, the Nurse. Adam Silva will make you laugh as the Major-General, along with his bevy of daughters, highlighted by Lacey Upton, Rebecca Amoruso, Amanda Blake, and Maddie Ellms. James Pereira is on duty as Edward, Sergeant of Police. The pirate band and police corps, as well as the orchestra, feature the talents of many additional students from the Old Rochester School District, with students also involved backstage as technical support crew. The show is directed, choreographed and designed by Paul Sardinha, with musical direction by Steven Rogers.

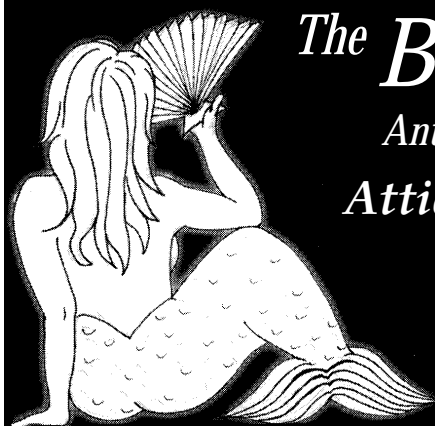
Tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$9 for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance of Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoissett, Marion General Store, Lloyd's Market in Rochester, Plumb Corner Market in Rochester, and Uncle



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Sippican Woman's Club

"Quiet Places of Massachusetts: Country Rambles, Secluded Beaches" frames the lecture and slide presentation by Michael Tougias at the March 9 meeting of the Sippican Woman's Club. Mr. Tougias, a naturalist, photographer, and author, will take viewers on a memorable journey from Cape Cod to the wilds of Quabbin Reservoir. His program also includes suggestions for day-trips and weekend outings.

The March 9 program begins at 12:30 pm at Handy's Tavern in Marion Village. After a finger-food luncheon and brief business meeting, Mr. Tougias will present the featured program. Mr. Tougias' publications include: *Quiet Places of Massachusetts*, *New England's Wild Places*, *Exploring the Hidden Charles*, *Nature Walks in Eastern Massachusetts*, and *Until I Have No Country*, a novel of King Philip's War.

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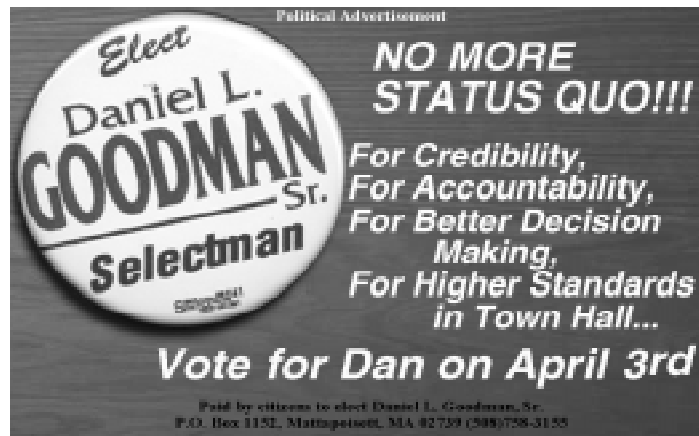
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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of school committee meetings for March, 2001. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm.

- Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm - Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Monday, March 12 - Mattapoissett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, March 13 - ORR District School Committee at Old Rochester Regional High School;
- Thursday, March 15 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School;
- Monday, March 26 - Joint Meeting of ORR Regional District School Committee and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 at Old Rochester Regional High School.

My Fair Lady in Fairhaven

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present *My Fair Lady* on March 29, 30 and 31 at 8:00 pm, with a 2:00 pm matinee performance on April 1 in the Fairhaven High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the box office, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and at the high school office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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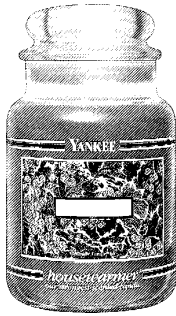
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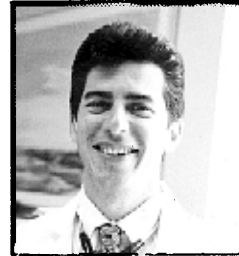


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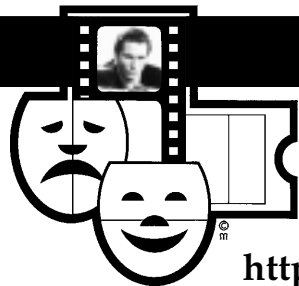
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MOVIE REVIEW

Monkey

By Rob Gonsalves
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Monkeybone. Starring Brendan Fraser and Bridget Fonda. Directed by Henry Selick. Running time: 87 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

When a movie teeming with imaginative visuals and ideas goes bad, it goes painfully bad. You see all the backbreaking work that went into each frame, the months of design and craftsmanship, and it all literally *hurts* to watch. It hurts, too, when you have to point out that all the sound and fury signify nothing. So it is with *Monkeybone*, a crass and frantic comedy-fantasy pitched alternately, I think, at ten-year-olds or stoned college students. It is the very definition of a February movie, a dud too weak to survive any other time of year (and probably in February, too).

It's not as though *Monkeybone* lacked talent across the board. In front of the camera, you have professional madcaps like Brendan Fraser and Bridget Fonda, both attractive actors unafraid of silliness; a bleached-blond Dave Foley (*Kids in the Hall*, *NewsRadio*); Chris Kattan, whose purely physical comedy, unaugmented by special effects, is the best thing in the movie; Giancarlo Esposito and Rose McGowan (the latter in a fetching cat costume) as denizens of a psychological netherworld; and Whoopi Goldberg as Death, seeming like the center square in a Dali-esque version of *Hollywood Squares*.

Behind the camera, more promisingly, we have the stop-motion animator Henry Selick, who breathed life into the creations of Tim Burton and Roald Dahl in *Nightmare Before Christmas* and *James and the Giant Peach*. Working to a greater extent with live action for the first time, Selick and his army of designers cram a prodigious volume of beasts and tortured architecture into every possible frame. The result should be a dark-fantasy joyride to bring tears of envy to Terry Gilliam's eyes, a shoot-the-works lollapalooza of dream logic.

It's a lollapalooza, all right. Elbowing all the flashy visuals out of the way, we find a rather sorry plot. Cartoonist Stu Miley (Fraser) is on the eve of uneasy success: his creation "Monkeybone," a sort of *Spike & Mike* expression of his repressed id, has won a spot on the Comedy Channel's schedule. Just as he's about to pop the question to his girlfriend Julie (Fonda), Stu is knocked into a coma. His coma-induced inner life looks like a cross between the busy otherworlds of *Beetlejuice* and *Cool World*,

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and there he meets his creation and nemesis Monkeybone (voice by John Turturro), who wants to take over Stu's body before Stu's sister (Megan Mullally of *Will & Grace*) pulls the plug on him. Are you laughing yet?

Monkeybone establishes a sophomoric tone early on (in an admittedly amusing toon equating Monkeybone to Stu's libido) and never transcends it. By the time the bogus Stu (with Monkeybone controlling his body, while the real Stu stewes in limbo) is playing with farting Monkeybone dolls and hatching a diabolical plan around them, you've given up on the movie, unless you're ten years old or stoned, or both. The comedy feels increasingly thin and labored; the actors, particularly poor Brendan Fraser, flail around sweating for big laughs, winning polite chuckles at best, like conscientious *Saturday Night Live* guest hosts trapped in an especially lame sketch. Only Chris Kattan, as a re-animated gymnast with a broken neck, scores with his aforementioned physical inventiveness, but it's too little, too late.

It's obvious from this movie (and from the shabby live-action framing sequences of *James and the Giant Peach*) that Henry Selick doesn't do people; he functions best in a tiny stop-motion world powered by the imagination of people who think with their eyes or indulge their wit, like Burton and Dahl. (The script here is credited to Sam Hamm, adapting the comic book *Dark Town* by Kaja Blackley; I haven't read it, but I hope it's better than this.) *Monkeybone* shows a lot of talented people busting a gut to zap a very dead Frankenstein's monster into life. The scattered nice touches (I liked the nightmare prison inhabited by such people as Jack the Ripper, Edgar Allan Poe, and Stephen King) only make you cringe all the more at the first-grade-level stuff about Monkeybone dolls that emit noxious gas when you pull their thumbs out of their butts. The movie does likewise.

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See Spot Run (PG) - 1:35, 3:55, 6:50, 9:10

Monkeybone (PG-13) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30

3,000 Miles to Graceland (R) - 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55

Sweet November (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:05, 7:25, 9:50

Down to Earth (PG-13) - 1:25, 3:20, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20

Recess: School's Out (G) - 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

The Wedding Planner (PG-13) - 9:00

The Emperor's New Groove (G) - 1:45

Cast Away (PG-13) - 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

Hannibal (R) - 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55

Traffic (R) - 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45

Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25

GENERAL CINEMA 12

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Friday (March 2) - Thursday (March 8)

The Mexican (R) - 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

Monkeybone (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 8:50

Hannibal (R) - 1:00, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10

Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50

Saving Silverman (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 8:50

3,000 Miles to Graceland (R) - 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

The Wedding Planner (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:00

Sweet November (PG-13) - 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

Recess: School's Out (G) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Cast Away (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:50, 7:50

See Spot Run (PG) - 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

Down to Earth (PG-13) - 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

The show features well-known tunes such as "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time," "and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face." The Fairhaven High School cast includes Abram Taber as Henry Higgins, Victoria Wade as Eliza Doolittle, Justin Bettencourt as Colonel Pickering, John Kennedy as Alfred Doolittle, Shaun Ferreira as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Alison Despres as Mrs. Higgins, and Bethany Whitehead as Mrs. Pearce.

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Acushnet Town Clerk

Town Election

Acushnet's Annual Town Election will take place on April 2, 2001. The last day to register to vote for the Election is March 13, 2001.

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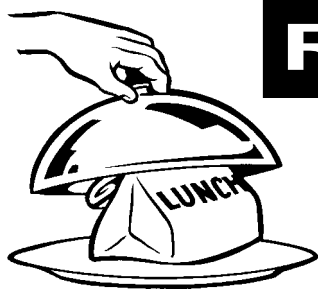
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■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, March 5 – Baked chicken, bologna sandwich, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Hamburger on a bun, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Chicken patty on a bun, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 9 – French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, March 5 – Chicken rice soup, chicken leg teriyaki, Oriental vegetables, French bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, March 6 – Ziti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, butterscotch pudding, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, March 7 – Turkey stew with vegetables, fluffy white rice, pumpernickel roll, fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, March 8 – Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, carrots, whole wheat bread, apple pixie sticks, graham wafer.

Friday, March 9 – Crunch light

fish, Delmonico potatoes, butternut squash, oatmeal roll, fruit in light syrup.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 5 – Hot dog on a roll, rib-a-que sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Roast pork or BBQ chicken dippers, peas, mashed potato, roll, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Chicken patty on a roll, pepperoni calzone, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 9 – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 5 – Hot dog on a roll, rib-a-que sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Roast pork or BBQ chicken dippers, peas, mashed potato, roll, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Chicken patty on a roll, pepperoni calzone, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 9 – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 5 – Chicken patty, French fries, lettuce and tomato, carrots, peaches.

Tuesday, March 6 – Chicken chow mein, rice, stir fry vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, March 7 – Chile dog, baked beans, chips, peas, fruit, cookie.

Thursday, March 8 – Fruit juice, American chop suey, salad, roll, chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 9 – Tuna or pizza, potato chips, green beans, apple, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 5 – Hot dog on a roll, rib-a-que sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Roast pork or BBQ chicken dippers, peas, mashed potato, roll, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Chicken patty on a roll, pepperoni calzone, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 9 – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 5 – Soup, chicken nuggets, French fries, BBQ ribs, pepperoni calzone, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Soup, pork roast, mashed potato, buffalo wings, chicken patty, peas,

applesauce, rolls, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Soup, American chop suey, ham and cheese croissant, steak with cheese sub, green beans, garlic bread, pudding, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Soup, honey dijon chicken roll-up, Italian sub, hot dog, nachos, lettuce, tomato, cheese sauce, salsa, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 9 – Clam chowder, shrimp poppers, French fries, bacon cheeseburger, grilled cheese, cole slaw, dessert, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 5 – Hot dog on a roll, rib-a-que sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, March 6 – Roast pork or BBQ chicken dippers, peas, mashed potato, roll, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 7 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 8 – Chicken patty on a roll, pepperoni calzone, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Friends of Paul Hubbard

Paul Hubbard is a young man from Mattapoisett who has been coping with the effects of Muscular Dystrophy since the age of six. Now in his early twenties, Paul continues to live with the disease and is dependent on special vehicles, a motorized wheelchair, and medical aids to maintain his mobility and quality of life.

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Hope Spring's Eternal

By Kenneth J. Souza
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Admittedly, I'm not much of an avid plant enthusiast ... in fact, my only real experience with them is limited to the poor ficus tree clinging to life in our Mattapoisett office, alternately suffering from neglect or over-watering when staff members randomly toss unfinished cups into the pot.

That said, I do appreciate and often marvel at those who are talented enough to cultivate eye-popping gardens and landscapes — those veritable "green thumbed" wizards. And this time of the year, those same people provide me with promising signs of life that spring is, indeed, just around the corner — despite the predictions of that pesky, shadow-seeking groundhog.

It's appropriate and timely, then, that the Marion Garden Club is sponsoring a lecture and discussion titled "**Plant Sleuthing in New England**" featuring **Ruah Donnelly**, author of the intriguing *The Adventurous Gardener: Where to Buy the Best Plants in New England*. This educational and informational event, sure to spread a little premature spring fever, will take place on **Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 am** at the Sippican Women's Club on Front Street in Marion (right next to the Marion General Store). Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. Books

will be available for purchase and Ms. Donnelly will be signing copies.

The Adventurous Gardener is a concise, easy-to-read reference work covering a vast array of plant dealers and specialists throughout New England. Even to the eyes of someone like me whose knowledge of horticulture is severely limited, the



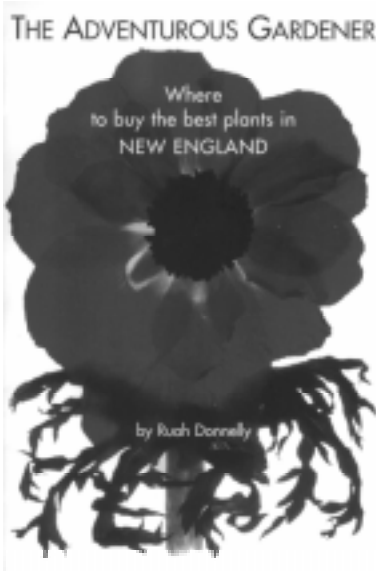
book offers key notations like the contact information for each vendor cited, a brief description of their individual specialties, detailed directions, and a summary from the author in which she provides handy tips on when to visit and even some nearby attractions for those who want to plan day-trips to more distant dealers.

Ms. Donnelly, a New England native, visited hundreds of nurseries, garden centers, hybridizers, and growers, asking pointed questions, making careful observations, and buying terrific plants. Her extensive research and engaging prose have resulted in a wonderful resource volume to be thumbed through and treasured by plant connoisseurs, weekend gardeners, and explorers of horticulture in New England.

What's most interesting about Ms. Donnelly's book is that the majority of the 150-odd growers profiled in the volume are not well-known commercial growers, but extraordinary planters — many off the beaten path — who are as unusual and charming as the plants they offer. The book is sectioned into each of the six New England states, listed alphabetically; and there's even an index to specific plant sources in the back.

The 300-page tome is a must-have for those with even a casual interest in gardening and area residents are encouraged to meet and greet the author during her Marion appearance next week. Spring is in the air, and Ms. Donnelly's book may provide local horticulturists with the needed inspiration to start their backyard efforts.

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■ MARION

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- Jenney Lane – fire alarm
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle/adult arrests (3): possession of Class D substance, possession with intent to distribute, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle; juvenile arrest: possession of Class D substance
- Front Street – burglar alarm
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Shady Lane – vandalism/past
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Washburn Park Road – parking violation
- Dexter Road – vandalism/past
- Wareham Road – suspicious person
- Mill Street – animal complaint
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Vine Street – parking violation
- Point Road – annoying phone calls
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Crapo Street – family offense
- Converse Road – suspicious person
- Olde Knoll Road – animal complaint
- Front Street – parking violation
- Mill Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Gifford's Corner Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – trespassing
- Mill Street – parking violation
- Route 195 East – adult arrest (possession of Class D substance, operating under the influence, reckless operation of motor vehicle)

- Water Street – vandalism/past
- Barros Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – vandalism/past
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle violation/verbal warning.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 18 through February 24, 2001:

- Fairhaven Road – animal complaint
- Pico Beach Road – request for ambulance
- Meadowbrook Lane – domestic disturbance
- Ocean Drive – suspicious persons
- County Road – car hit deer (past)
- County Road – past larceny
- County Road – request for dog officer
- Meadowbrook Lane – party reports his wife is going nuts at house
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle violation
- Church Street – traffic violation
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – found dog
- Deep Woods Drive – request for officer
- County Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Marion Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- North Street – past vandalism
- Crystal Spring Road – request for ambulance
- Silver Shell Avenue – harassing phone calls
- County Road – protective orders served
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle violation
- County Road – past hit and run/property damage
- Baptist Street – harassing phone calls
- Industrial Drive – larceny over \$250
- New Bedford Road – mutual aid with motor vehicle accident in Rochester

- North Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Fairhaven Road – unattended death
- Marion Road – dead fox in road
- Marion Road – single vehicle motor vehicle accident
- Harvey Orchard Lane – dog running loose in roadway
- Long Plain Road – youths in road
- Antassawamock Road – returned property
- County Road – party requests police officer
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 20 through February 26, 2001:

- Quaker Lane – animal complaint
- New Bedford Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Quaker Lane – animal control matter
- Plumb Corner Mall – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
- Quaker Lane – suspicious person
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mendell Road – animal complaint
- Wareham/West Street – mutual aid
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Paradise Lane – vandalism
- Cushman Road – vandalism
- Union Church Terrace – civil complaint
- Pine Street – motor vehicle hit deer
- Cushman Road – road hazard
- Route 28 – civil complaint
- Ryder Road – animal complaint
- Mason Road – animal control matter.

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According to Commissioner of Veterans Services, Tom Kelley: "We want every Massachusetts veteran to know there is a new program making available low-cost prescription drugs to eligible veterans now available from the Veterans Administration — regardless of a veteran's economic circumstance or if the need is service-connected. Every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a Veterans Service Officer who is available to guide local veterans in obtaining a 30-day



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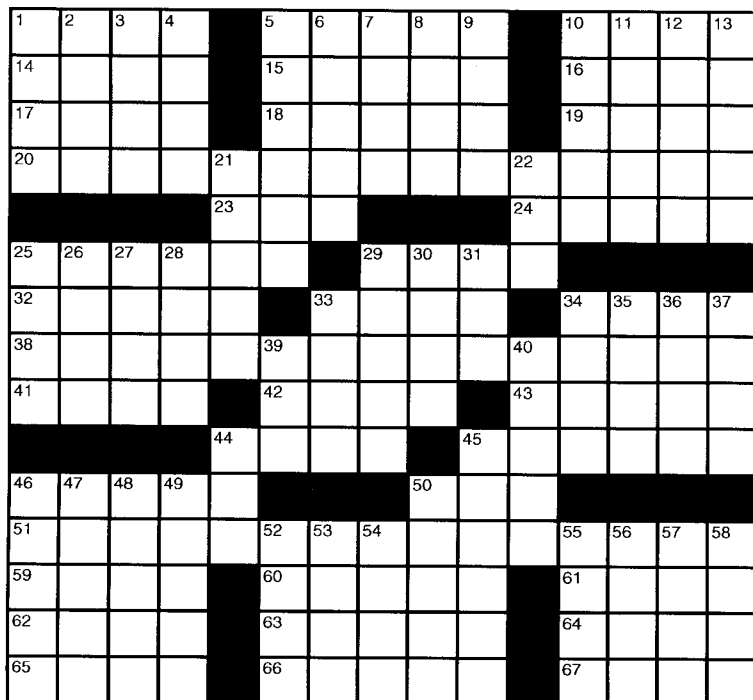
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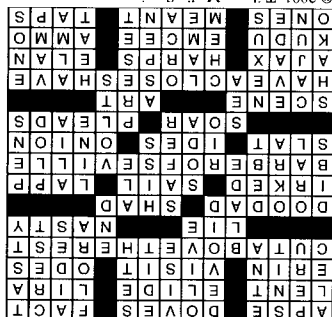
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This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Romance is prepared to move forward. Expect both lovers and long-term friends to declare their intentions.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Home relationships now begin a phase of cozy appreciation. Watch for close friends or relatives to release past stresses and financial worries.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Written documents and long-term contracts are now a prime focus. Watch for authority figures to recognize your full potential.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Watch for a key official or reliable colleague to alter their daily strategy or research methods. Many Cancers will encounter new work priorities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Key officials may question your time schedule or professional habits. Expect unusual communications or messages from authority figures.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Expect loved ones to request more of your time and emotional dedication. Key issues involve minor jealousies over new friendships or long-withheld feelings of isolation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long-awaited friendships or business contacts are the theme. Watch for both friends and key officials to propose new schedules or increased activities.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Past resentments will be difficult to avoid. Watch for relatives and authority figures to be moody, self-absorbed or overly critical.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A close friend or relative may be particularly nostalgic or sentimental. Key issues are past romantic regrets or family disappointments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Powerful romantic feelings may arrive. Watch for long-term friends and potential lovers to focus on bringing greater intimacy into present relationships.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Romantic promises and home agreements will be clarified. Expect loved ones to express a powerful need for solid agreements.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Financial agreements or new contracts may soon require quick revisions.

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following petition and applications: Petition and application of Deanne Girouard of 23 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 23 Water Street. The petitioner is seeking a Variance under Section 3.3.2.6 with respect to parking requirements and a Special Permit under Section 5.5.2.1 of the Zoning By-Law to change the status of an existing single family dwelling to an inn. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 125 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. #903</p> <p>Application of the Board of Selectmen of 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at County Road (next to police station). The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 5.8.1.1, 5.1.5.1, and 6.3.4 of the Zoning By-Law to obtain conceptual approvals for the construction of a Skate Board Park, Water Department Building, and Fire Station. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 77, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:20 P.M. #904</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson Robert Bertrand Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva Jack McGill 03/01, 03/08</p>	
<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER - BOARD OF APPEALS #772 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Judy Schaaaf who is seeking a variance from side lot setback requirements under section VIII.B and a special permit under section VIII.C.2 of Rochester By-Laws to allow an accessory structure in the front yard area. Property is located at 1016 Walnut Plain Road, Assessors Map 23, Lot 18. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.</p> <p>Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 03/01, 03/08</p>	
<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT - CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday March 12, 2001 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: Paul & Diane Rioux, 12 Laura Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct an addition and an above ground pool. The project is located 12 Laura Lane, Mattapoisett, MA and is further identified as Lot 11 H on Assessors Map 20.</p> <p>Conservation Commission 3/1</p>	

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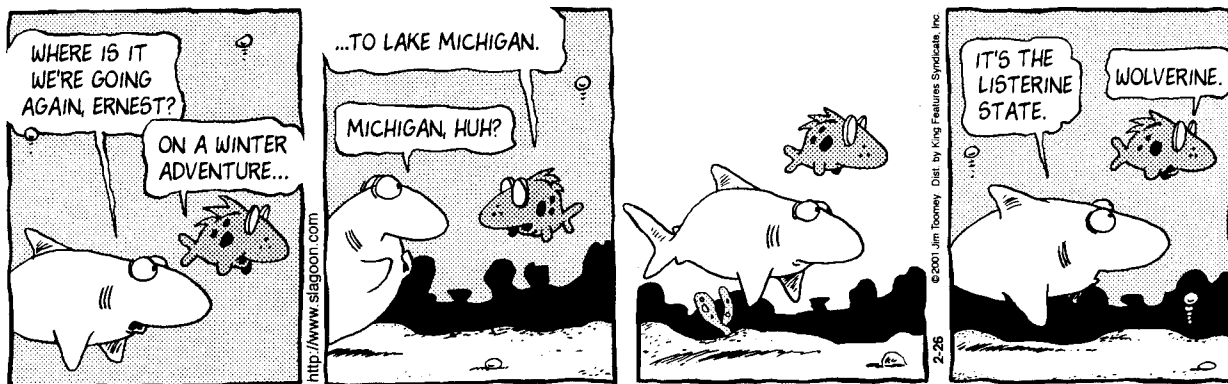
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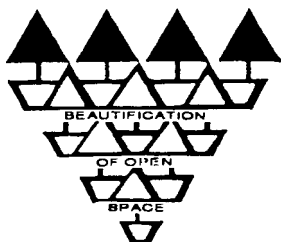
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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is Thursday, March 15 at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program will feature Lee Yeaton's and Allison Henderson's recent trip to England. They will have slides and their impressions of their wanderings. Hostesses for the meeting are Bette Roberts and Jo Pannell.

Members are reminded to save and give to Lee Yeaton the following: Campbell's Soup front labels; General Mills' education coupons (on the tops of boxes); Prego Soup front labels; Swanson Frozen Foods proofs of purchase seals; Franco American front labels; Marie's dressing safety seal; Mrs. Paul's Foods quality pledge panel; V-8 can label (juice boxes proof of purchase seal); Vlasic pickles lid; Pepperidge Farms products UPC code. All of the above are used for scholarship programs.

Members are also reminded of the change of date for the Annual Meeting to April 19. Watch for details for the Woman's Club's big fund-raiser coming in the summer on July 7!

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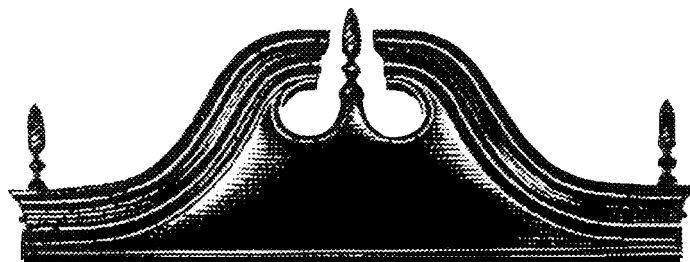
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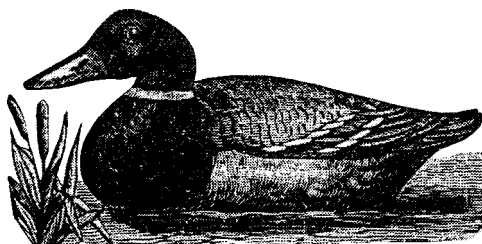
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Mar. 2:	Fri.	12:20	12:56	5:58	6:06
Mar. 3:	Sat.	1:17	1:56	7:16	7:13
Mar. 4:	Sun.	2:22	3:02	8:57	8:30
Mar. 5:	Mon.	3:33	4:10	10:12	9:42
Mar. 6:	Tues.	4:42	5:13	11:08	10:47
Mar. 7:	Wed.	5:43	6:09	11:58	11:47
Mar. 8:	Thurs.	6:37	7:01	...	12:44
Mar. 9:	Fri.	7:27	7:51	12:43	1:27
Mar. 10:	Sat.	8:16	8:39	1:37	2:08
Mar. 11:	Sun.	9:05	9:28	2:27	2:46
Mar. 12:	Mon.	9:53	10:18	3:13	3:23
Mar. 13:	Tues.	10:43	11:08	3:57	3:59
Mar. 14:	Wed.	11:33	11:59	4:41	4:38
Mar. 15:	Thurs.	...	12:24	5:29	5:21
Mar. 16:	Fri.	12:53	1:18	6:29	6:14
Mar. 17:	Sat.	1:51	2:17	8:10	7:26
Mar. 18:	Sun.	2:55	3:20	9:29	8:53

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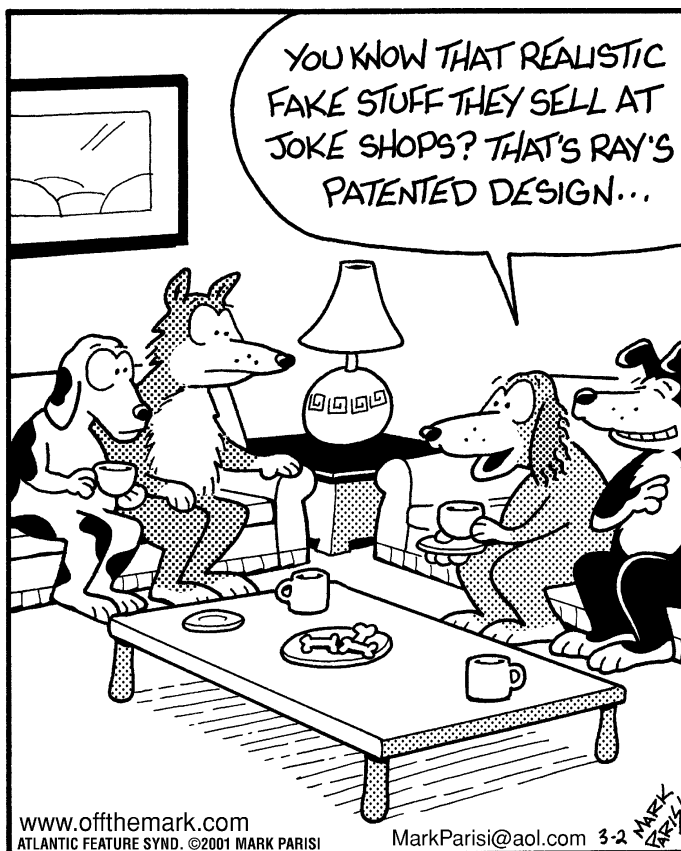
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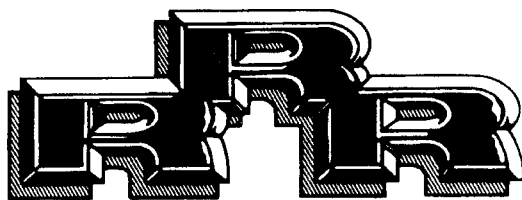
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